

## LAYING OF STONE MEMORABLE EVENT

Rare Assemblage of Dignitaries Participate.

### PRESIDENT IS APPLAUDED

Masonic Services of Great Interest to All Those Witnessing the Ceremonies.

It was before one of the most brilliant and notable assemblages Washington has witnessed in many years that the Grand Lodge of Masons of the District of Columbia yesterday afternoon laid the cornerstone of the House of Representatives office building, the occasion being all the more noteworthy because of the delivery there of one of President Roosevelt's most striking speeches. The President took his seat on the stand near the cornerstone as the Marine Band played "Dixie" and "Maryland, My Maryland," the martial strains sounding out on the spring air, which stretched taut and bright twenty flags of the United States.

#### Many Notables There.

About the stand were grouped the highest Masons of the District, the Supreme Court, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Diplomatic Corps, and a vast throng of people from Washington, and from neighboring States. And all of these heard with marked attention, and frequently applauded the President's speech decrying those who make capital out of abusing unjustly the men who serve the country in public life.

It was an inspiring and a thrilling scene—the highest rulers of the land, the oldest fraternal organization in the world, the banners streaming to the wind, the waving palms and flowers, the background of color and brightness provided by a multitude of fair women, and the President of the United States voicing in piercing tones a remarkable plea for purity in the mental outlook of the country as a whole.

He was introduced by the Speaker of the House, Mr. Cannon, who, holding his right hand aloft, performed the introduction in the following sentence:

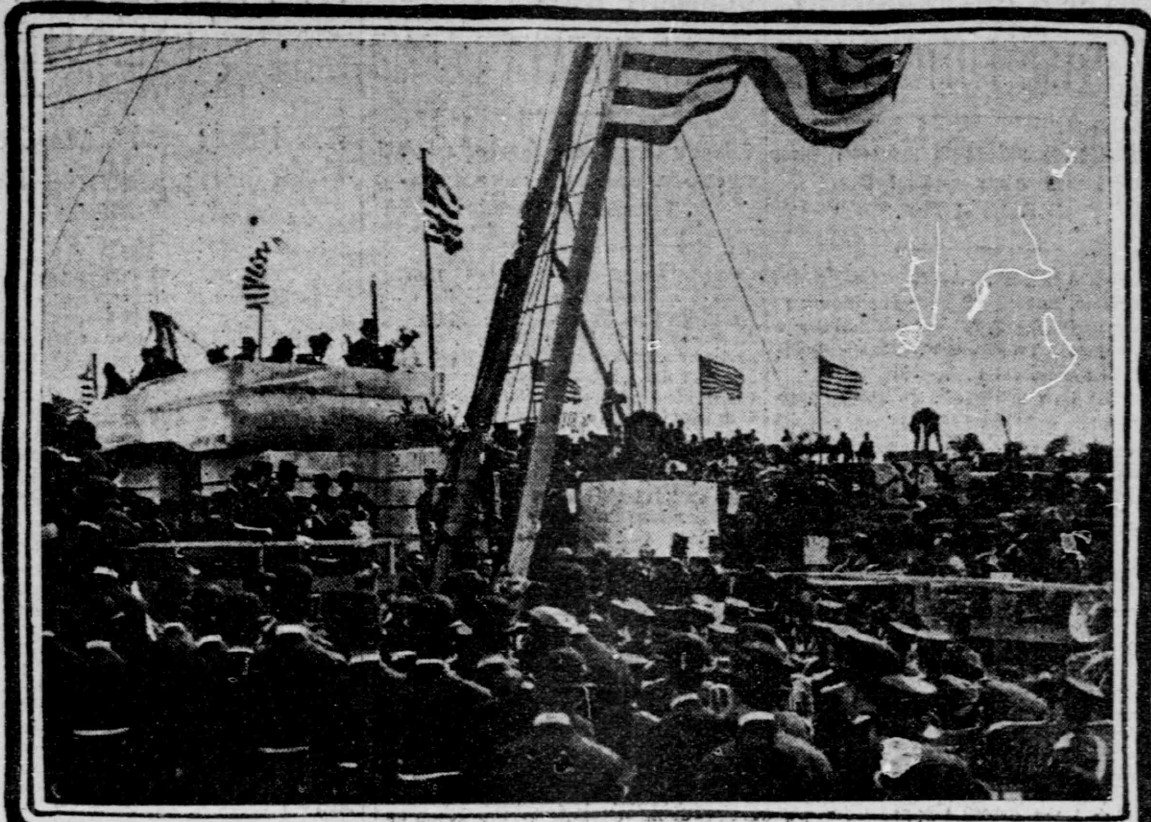
"Citizens, it is my privilege to introduce to you this afternoon one who needs no introduction, Theodore Roosevelt, the President of the United States."

#### President Warmly Welcomed.

In a moment the President stood in full view of the audience. His head was bared to the sun and the breeze. Standing on the platform, far above the assembled thousands, his form was silhouetted against the unflecked blue of the April sky. He was welcomed with thunderous applause whose echoes must have been borne on the spring air to the shores of Virginia across the Potomac.

A great feature of the occasion was the parade of the Masons from Tenth and F streets to the Capitol. There were 900 in the line that marched along Pennsylvania avenue, and there was a vast crowd of people on the sidewalks to see them go by. The procession was headed by the

## CROWDS CHEER DIGNITARIES AT CORNERSTONE LAYING



United States Marine Band, which was followed by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District, the five constituent commanderies, Engineers' Band, master Masons, past masters, masters of lodges, and the Grand Lodge. With the Grand Lodge were George W. Kendrick, grand master of Pennsylvania; Levin Handy, grand master of Delaware; and Walter Chandler, grand master of New Jersey.

The Knights Templar, with their gorgeous uniforms and waving white plumes, lent to the scene the needed touch of color, as, on their prancing steeds, they set the pace for the march down the avenue. The idea conveyed by the long line of marching master Masons was one of sober, strong dignity, their black suits relieved only by the regulation master Masons' white apron and gloves.

#### Gave Way to Grand Lodge.

Having reached First street, in front of the Library of Congress, the lines divided, falling back in single file to the curb, thus leaving the way clear for the Grand Lodge of the District to go from the rear of the line to the cornerstone, which was at the corner of First and B streets southeast.

Here the Masonic rites, consequent upon the laying of a cornerstone, were performed by the Grand Lodge, with Grand Master Walter A. Brown in charge.

## "77"

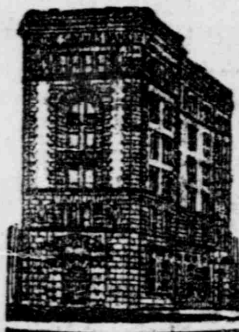
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At the close of business Friday, April 6, 1906.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$1,042,888 77
Bonds owned .....	124,611 75
Banking house, F. & F. ....	142,944 64
Banking house, F. & F. (branches) ..	19,353 15
Cash in banks and in vault .....	258,404 49
Total .....	\$1,588,202 80

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock (paid in full) .....	\$100,000 00
Surplus and undivided profits .....	40,858 54
Deposits .....	1,447,344 26
Total .....	\$1,588,202 80

I, FRANCIS MILLER, Treasurer of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANCIS MILLER, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of April, A. D. 1906. HOWARD MORAN, Notary Public, D. C.

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## PENSION CLERK GIVEN AGREEABLE SURPRISE

Samuel A. Butt, Presented With Watch Fob and Charm by His Associates.

Samuel A. Butt, of the Medical Division of the Pension Office, is a happy man today. Yesterday afternoon as he was about to leave the big structure where he serves Uncle Sam eight hours a day he was accosted by one of the clerks of his section and in a moment was surrounded by a number of his co-laborers.

With a few timely remarks one of them presented him with a watch, fob, and charm as a token of esteem. He was so much overcome with surprise that his speech of thanks was deferred until a later day. Mr. Butt has been employed in the Pension Office for nearly a year, and during that time has won the friendship and confidence of all those employed in his section.

## CASH TO AID NAPLES' VOLCANO SUFFERERS

Money, Clothing, and Food Being Sent Through the American National Red Cross.

The local branch of the American National Red Cross has received the following contributions for the Vesuvius disaster in southern Italy: Mrs. Clara S. Hay, \$100; Mrs. W. J. Boardman, \$50; "F. I. G.," \$1.

The Massachusetts branch of the Red Cross will ship within the next few days a large quantity of clothing and food to Naples, to be distributed among those rendered destitute as a result of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

Thomas R. Jones, treasurer of the District Red Cross, National Safe Deposit, Savings and Trust Company, Fifteenth Street and New York avenue, will receive contributions of money for the relief of these unfortunates.

## "COURTING PARLOR" WAS NOT A SUCCESS

Cupid in Boston Balked at the Proposition as Young Men Stayed Away.

BOSTON, April 14.—Church "courting parlors" may fill a long-felt want in Cleveland in the opinion of John D. Rockefeller's pastor, but they have been tried and found wanting in Boston. The young men and maidens of this city absolutely refuse to take in the idea, and simply will not court in the "courting parlors" which was started at the Parker Memorial Church last year.

In fact, not a single marriage, happy or unhappy, resulted from the scheme, and the tastefully furnished "courting parlors" is now used principally for mothers' meeting, magic-lantern shows, and the packing of missionary boxes.

When the room was first opened it was called a social hall. Young women who lived in hall bedrooms and had no reception room in which to entertain their young men friends were urged to meet their callers there.

"Just as soon as the place became known as a 'courting parlor,'" said the Rev. Charles Wendte, originator of the scheme and former pastor of the Parker Memorial, "the young men began to fight shy of it. They were joked by their friends, and to go there with a young woman was equivalent to announcing an engagement. Finally it became so that when either a young man or woman said 'Meet me at the parlor to a friend of the opposite sex,' the invitation was declined. By any other name the place might be a success."

"Every time we girls invited a young man to go with us there, it was just like a leap-year proposal," said one girl.

## WOMAN CHEWS POLICEMAN'S THUMB WHEN ARRESTED

When Policeman Fletcher, of the Second precinct, attempted to arrest Mary Thomas, colored, twenty-nine years old, on Seventh street northwest for disorderly conduct yesterday afternoon, she chewed his thumb vigorously.

A few blows on the head from a bickery baton soon convinced Mary that she was in the wrong.

## MRS. BARLOW BREAKS SHOULDER

While attempting to board a car at Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Mrs. Mary Barlow, sixty-four years old, of the Stratford Hotel, fell and fractured her right shoulder blade. She was removed to the Emergency Hospital.

## BOSTON BUTLER SAYS HIS PROFESSION IS O. K.

Back Bay Major Domo Indignantly Repudiates Newspaper Insinuations.

BOSTON, April 14.—Edward Ellis, employed as a butler by William Leander McKee, of 284 Commonwealth avenue, replying to a Boston newspaper's recent article reflecting on the butlers of the Back Bay, wrote to the editor of that paper as follows:

"I want to protest against the sweeping charge made by your writer that most all butlers drank liquor and flirted with the women servants, the cook principally."

"Butlers now command higher salaries than ever before. I have had an experience of thirteen years on the Back Bay. I have been intrusted with thousands of dollars worth of plate and jewelry by these families, and have yet to hear the slightest reference to anything like being false to my trust."

"I have educated my boy in France and England, and am now giving him a post-graduate course in an American college."

"I do not drink. I do not flirt with any of the female members of the household, and it is no exaggeration to say that I am not better than the average butler of the Back Bay as far as morals is concerned."

"I have a pride in my profession, and there is a fellow-feeling among the men of my craft."

"Let me recall to you a brief extract from the eulogy which Mark Twain pronounced over the body of his trusted servant, Patrick McAleer."

"He was as full of life as a watch spring, and he knew everything there was to know about his business. His life ought to rank with that of great soldiers, statesmen and chief justices, for they were no more proficient in their professions than he was in his."

"Our feelings have been hurt by the article to which I refer, and we have undergone a great deal of mental suffering from the annoyance so unwittingly caused us."

## READINGS FOR THE BLIND AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The following is the program for volunteer readings and music in the reading room for the blind at the Library of Congress from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.: Tuesday, April 17, Mrs. Mary Ireland; Thursday, April 19, piano recital by Miss Tozier, Miss McNeal, Miss Ames, Miss Kolb, and Miss Fisher; Saturday, April 21, Mrs. James L. Slayden. The door to the reading room will be closed at 2:30 p. m. and will be opened thereafter only between the numbers on the program.

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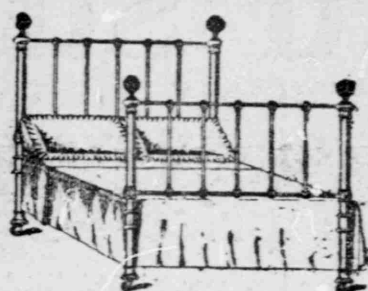
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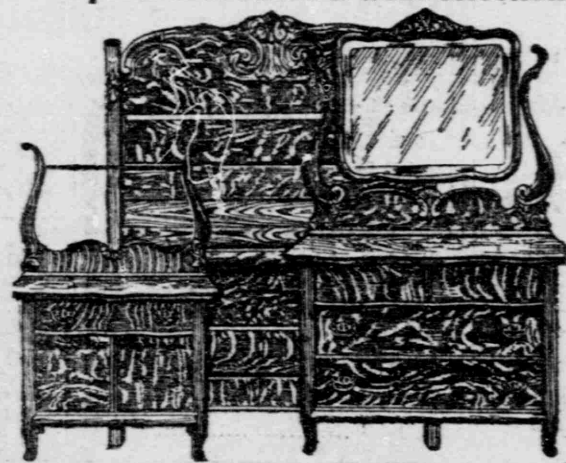
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### Refrigerators

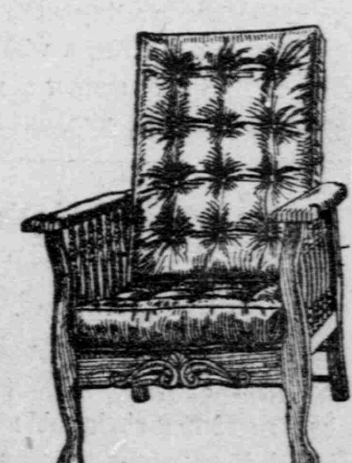
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